
Subject: Logical links cause EXPAND_PATH() to hang
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I was trying to add a directory and all subdirectories to my !PATH under IDL 8.5 in Linux, by the usual method of adding a '+' in front of the directory name, e.g.
`expand_path('+/users/wlandsma/pro')`

But `expand_path()` would just hang, forcing me to kill the IDL session. I eventually tracked the problem to the presence of symbolic links. For example there was a 'pr3' link created with

`ln -s /data2/wlandsma/pr3 pr3`

Evidently this causes an infinite loop, as IDL keeps trying to expand the logical link. I think this is a bug. My current workaround is to manually add all 10 subdirectories.
